

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, on March 9, 2006, Applicants submitted a Petition to add inventors to application 10/057,419 and to add inventors to U.S. Patent No. 6,456,883 issued to Torgerson et al. before the undersigned received a copy of the final Office Action from its corporate headquarters. Therefore, the same petitions are being resubmitted as a part of this Response.

Claims 18-19, 21, 28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,456,883 issued to Torgerson et al. Claims 23-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Torgerson.

Applicants petition the United States Patent & Trademark Office to correct the inventorship of the present application as well as the Torgerson patent. Therefore, Torgerson clearly does not qualify as prior art. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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